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## 27 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Request for Assistance from the Senate

Disarmament Subcommittee

REFERENCE:

Memo to the DCI from Legislative Counsel dated 25 February 1958, same Subject

- 1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.
- 2. Miss Betty Goets, Staff Director for the Senate Disarmament Subcommittee, called to indicate that she had been referred to the Agency after queries to the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense. She explained that the Chairman had approved a series of hearings on the disarmament situation, one phase of which would deal with nuclear weapons tests and the ability of the U. S. to detect nuclear explosions.
- 3. In preparing the necessary staff work they were seeking the names of appropriate witnesses who could deal with the various phases of detection including seismic, auditory, electromagnetic and radiation. For this purpose Miss Goeta had been led to believe that the Central Intelligence Agency was the appropriate coordinating Agency in the Executive Branch. Consequently, she wanted our assistance in indicating who would be proper witnesses for this purpose. Miss Goeta was informed that we would look into the matter and contact the staff later in the week.

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- 4. In view of the distinguished membership of the Subcommittee it seems doubtful that we could simply decline to assist. On the other hand it appears that this is a matter of joint concern to the intelligence community. Therefore, you may wish to discuss this matter at an appropriate IAC meeting.
- 5. In the meantime I recommend that Dr. Sceville and myself call on the Staff Director to attempt to clarify the specific areas of interest and develop other information on which to base a final decision.

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JOHN S. WARNER Legislative Counsel

The recommendation in paragraph 5 is approved.

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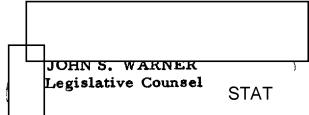
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Department of Defense Query Regarding Briefing of Disarmament Subcommittee

- 1. This memorandum is for information only.
- 2. Dr. Scoville advised that Colonel Sanford of General Loper's office had received a request from the Senate Disarmament Subcommittee for a briefing on the ability of the United States to detect Soviet nuclear explosions. Apparently Defense had attempted to have AEC do this but AEC refused. Defense now wished to put this off on CIA and took this method of alerting the Agency.
- 3. This Subcommittee is a most unusual group having been created by special Senate resolution of 25 July 1955 and renewed since then. It is set up on a nonpartisan basis containing six members of Senate Foreign Relations, four members of Armed Services and two members from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. The membership list is attached.
- 4. Having in mind the membership of this Subcommittee, it was suggested to Dr. Scoville that he inform the Defense Department that if the Subcommittee wished a briefing from CIA the matter should be directed to us and we would consider it at that time.

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